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APPROVAL OF CLOSURE REPORT FOR FORMER TEMPORARY ACCUMULATION AREA (TAA) 371A, FORMER MARINE CORPS AIR STATION (MCAS) EL TORO

Dear Mr. Piszkin:

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) has reviewed the subject document dated November 11, 2003. The closure report summarizes the results of an additional 8 soil samples collected from four locations at TAA 371A. The confirmation soil samples were collected on August 27, 2003 in response to DTSC's November 14, 2002 comment letter on the May 2002 Summary Report for the unit. The samples were analyzed for volatile organic compounds (VOCs), Semi-VOCs, total petroleum (TPH) as gasoline, TPH as diesel, pesticides and polychlorinated biphenyls, metals, and pH.

The TAA 371A was identified as Solid Waste Management Unit (SWMU) 107 in the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Facility Assessment (RFA) prepared for MCAS El Toro. The unit may have been used for the storage of hazardous waste drums containing waste oil, solvents, as well as product drums. TAA 371A is described as a 20-foot by 50-foot concrete storage pad with a concrete berm and chain-linked fence located northwest of Building 371 in the southeast quadrant of the Station.

The Navy has adequately addressed our comments transmitted on November 14, 2002. Therefore, we agree with the conclusions and recommendations presented in the closure report and hereby approve it.

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If you have any questions, please contact me at (714) 484-5449.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rafat A. Abbasi', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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